CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for secure access and communication of information in a distributed media network, the method comprising:

detecting when a legacy media peripheral is connected to at least one of a PC and a media processing system on the distributed media network;

establishing at least one identifier associated with said legacy media peripheral; and

utilizing said established at least one identifier to facilitate communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising requesting said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier and at least one identifier of a user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier is a serial number of said legacy media peripheral.

4. The method according to claim 2, wherein said at least one user identifier is at least one of a user password and a user name.

5. The method according to claim 2, further comprising determining a first location of said legacy media peripheral and said user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

6. The method according to claim 5, further comprising associating said legacy media peripheral identifier and said user identifier with said location of said legacy media peripheral.

7. The method according to claim 2, wherein if said legacy media peripheral previously registered at a first location within said network, acquiring said at least one user identifier to facilitate communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

8. The method according to claim 7, further comprising validating said acquired at least one user identifier for said legacy media peripheral prior to said facilitation of communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising registering said legacy media peripheral for operation at a second location subsequent to said validation of said acquired at least one user identifier.

10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising executing a media peripheral association software on said at least one of said PC and said media processing system.

11. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for secure access and communication of information in a distributed media network, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

detecting when a legacy media peripheral is connected to at least one of a PC and a media processing system on the distributed media network;

establishing at least one identifier associated with said legacy media peripheral; and

utilizing said established at least one identifier to facilitate communication between of legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

12. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for requesting said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier and at least one identifier of a user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

13. The machine-readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier is a serial number of said legacy media peripheral.

14. The machine-readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said at least one user identifier is at least one of a user password and a user name.

15. The machine-readable storage according to claim 12, further comprising code for determining a first location of said legacy media peripheral and said user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

16. The machine-readable storage according to claim 15, further comprising code for associating said legacy media peripheral identifier and said user identifier with said location of said legacy media peripheral.

17. The machine-readable storage according to claim 12, further comprising code for acquiring said at least one user identifier to facilitate communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network, if said legacy media peripheral previously registered at a first location within said network.

18. The machine-readable storage according to claim 17, further comprising code for validating said acquired at least one user identifier for said legacy media peripheral prior to said facilitation of communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

19. The machine-readable storage according to claim 18, further comprising code for registering said legacy media peripheral for operation at a second location subsequent to said validation of said acquired at least one user identifier.

20. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for executing a media peripheral association software on said at least one of said PC and said media processing system.

21. A system for secure access and communication of information in a distributed media network, the system comprising:

at least one processor that detects when a legacy media peripheral is connected to at least one of a PC and a media processing system on the distributed media network;

said at least one processor establishes at least one identifier associated with said legacy media peripheral; and

said at least one processor utilizes said established at least one identifier to facilitate communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

22. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor requests said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier and at least one identifier of a user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

23. The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier is a serial number of said legacy media peripheral.

24. The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one user identifier is at least one of a user password and a user name.

25. The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor determines a first location of said legacy media peripheral and said user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

26. The system according to claim 25, wherein said at least one processor associates said legacy media peripheral identifier and said user identifier with said location of said legacy media peripheral.

27. The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor acquires said at least one user identifier to facilitate communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network, if said legacy media peripheral previously registered at a first location within said network.

28. The system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one processor validates said acquired at least one user identifier for said legacy media peripheral prior to said facilitation of communication of said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

29. The system according to claim 28, wherein said at least one processor registers said legacy media peripheral for operation at a second location subsequent to said validation of said acquired at least one user identifier.

30. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor executes a media peripheral association software on said at least one of said PC and said media processing system.

31. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is at least one of a computer processor, a media peripheral processor, a media exchange system processor and a media processing system processor.